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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5441

INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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FOR PER/CA/FS - GROVE AND AF/EXGOA KENNEDY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP PDIP APER MR

SUBJECT: TITLE OF NEW MILITARY ATTACHE

REF: STATE A-1619

1. WARMLY WELCOME ASSIGNMENT OF LTC HUGHES AS MEMBER OF STAFF OF US MISSION IN MAURPUANIA.

2. I AM PUZZLED, HOWEVER, BY FACT THAT LTC HUGHES HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY DAKAR AS DEFENSE ATTACHE BUT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT (AND BAMAKO AND BANJUL) ONLY AS NAVAL ATTACHE. GIVEN COMPOSITION OF MAURITANIAN MILITARY FORCES (PREDOMINANTLY GROUND FORCES WITH SMALL AIRFORCE AND PERHAPS EVEN SMALLER NAVY), TIQLE OF DEFENSE ATTACHE WOULD BE MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE TITLE FOR NOUAKCHOTT THAN NAVAL ATTACHE. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT DESIGNATION OF LTC HUGHES AS ALUSNA IN MAURITANIA IS SIMPLY CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS PRACTICE, RATIONALE FOR DECISION IS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT. EXPLANATION OF FACTORS UNDERLYING DESIGNATION WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

3. IF REEXAMINATION SUGGESTS CHANGE MIGHT BE IN ORDER, OCCASION OF ROTATION OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED IS CLEARLY TIME TO MAKE IT.HANDYSIDE

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